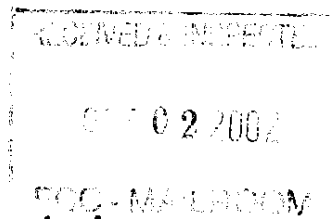


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RE CERTIFICATION OF THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
THAT ALL FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT PROVIDED TO **RURAL
CARRIERS** IN WYOMING IS USED ONLY FOR THE PROVISION,
MAINTENANCE, AND UPGRADING OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR
WHICH THE SUPPORT IS INTENDED (**CC DOCKET No. 96-45**)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (WPSC) hereby submits, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, its annual certification to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 requires that the appropriate state regulatory authority annually certify those rural incumbent local exchange carriers and/or eligible telecommunications carriers serving lines in the service area of a rural incumbent local exchange carrier, within their jurisdiction, for purposes of receiving federal universal service fund support.

The WPSC has solicited from its jurisdictional rural incumbent local exchange carriers, their respective affidavits that set forth the manner in which federal universal service support funds have been used, and will be used during the applicable 12-month period for which support funds are being requested. The respective affidavits will be made available to the FCC and/or USAC upon request.

As the appropriate state regulatory authority with jurisdiction to regulate, *inter alia*, the intrastate activities of telecommunications companies serving in Wyoming, the

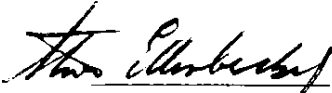
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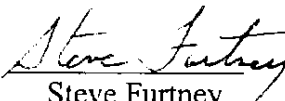
Wyoming Public Service Commission hereby identifies the following rural incumbent local exchange carriers as being eligible for federal universal service support funds:

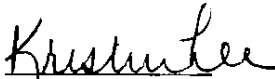
<u>Companies</u>	<u>Study Area Code</u>
All West Communications, Inc.	512290
CenturyTel of Wyoming, Inc.	512299
Chugwater Telephone Company	512289
Columbine Telephone Company dba Teton Telecom	462204
Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc.	512291
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	391659
Project Telephone Company	482250
RT Communications, Inc.	512251
Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	512251
Silver Star Telephone Co., Inc.	512295
Tri-County Telephone Association (Comprised of Tri County Telephone Association, Inc., and TCT WEST, Inc.)	512296
Union Telephone Company	512297
United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a/ Sprint	511595

Based upon the representations contained in the affidavits submitted by these rural carriers, and the Commission's general knowledge of the operations and facilities of these rural carriers, the Commission certifies that these identified carriers will only use the federal universal service support funds for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with § 254(e) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Sincerely,


Steve Ellenbecker
Chairman


Steve Furtney
Deputy Chairman


Kristin H. Lee
Commissioner